HOUSE No. 1593

By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition of Geoffrey D. Hall and others relative to counting low income in determining affordable housing. Housing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Geoffrey D. Hall Ellen Harde Steven C. Panagiotakos

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COUNTING LOW INCOME IN DETERMINING CHAPTER 40B AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- Notwithstanding any special or general law, rule or regulation
- 2 to the contrary, any housing unit owned and occupied by a person
- 3 or family whose income is 80% or less of the Area Median
- 4 Income in a Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by the
- 5 federal department of housing and urban development, shall be
- 6 considered an affordable housing unit solely for the purpose of
- 7 calculating a community's required 10% low or moderate income
- 8 housing as established by chapter 40B of the General Laws of the
- 9 commonwealth.